

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A weed-preventing paper for cultivating a plant, comprising:
a paper body covering a surface of a soil where said plant is to be grown, and having at least ~~a cross opening~~ two cross openings for said plant to pass therethrough, ~~wherein said at least two cross openings have a lateral crosscut passing therethrough and extending to an edge of said paper body for facilitating said paper body to be mounted around a stem of said plant;~~
a weed-preventing agent contained in said paper body for blocking light so as to prevent the growth of a weed surrounding said plant; and
a water indicator printed on said paper body and showing a hydrous and ~~an~~ anhydrous states thereof via different colors for being a reminder of watering.
2. (cancelled).
3. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 1 wherein said water indicator contains a cobaltous chloride (CoCl_2).
4. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 1 wherein said water indicator is printed on said paper in a shape of a word or a figure.
5. (currently amended) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 1 further comprising a control-release fertilizer to be dissolvable in water to provide nutrients for the growth of said plant and reduce ~~the~~ a manpower cost of fertilizing.
6. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 5 wherein said control-release fertilizer is integrated into said paper body by adding in a pulp thereof, or coated thereon or adhered thereto.
7. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 1 further comprising a beautifying figure printed on said paper body.

8. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 7 wherein said beautifying figure is an image selected from a group consisting of a flower, a grass, a person and a scenery.
9. (currently amended) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 1 wherein a surface of said paper body has a silver color for preventing ~~bugs~~ insect encroachment.
10. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 1 wherein said weed-preventing paper is applied to one of a potted plant and a fruit tree.
11. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 10 wherein said paper body is circular.
12. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 11 wherein said paper body has a diameter equal to that of one of a pot where said potted plant is grown therein and an under-canopy area of said fruit tree.
13. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 1 wherein said weed-preventing agent is one of inorganic and organic fillers being one selected from a group consisting of a black carbon, a silicon dioxide and a titanium dioxide.
14. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 1 wherein said paper body is made of a biodegradable fiber.
15. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 14 wherein said fiber is one of a plant fiber and a polymer fiber.
16. (currently amended) A weed-preventing paper for cultivating a plant, comprising:
a paper body covering a surface of a soil where said plant is to be grown, and having at least ~~a cross opening~~ two cross openings for said plant to pass therethrough, wherein said at least two cross openings have a lateral crosscut passing therethrough and extending to an edge of said paper body for facilitating said paper body to be mounted around a stem of said plant; and
a weed-preventing agent contained in said paper body for blocking light so as to prevent the growth of a weed surrounding said plant.

17. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 16 further comprising a water indicator as a reminder of watering.
18. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 17 wherein said water indicator contains a cobaltous chloride (CoCl_2).
19. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 17 wherein said water indicator is printed on said paper in a shape of a word or a figure.
20. (currently amended) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 16 further comprising a control-release fertilizer to be dissolvable in water to provide nutrients for the growth of said plant and reduce ~~the~~ a manpower cost of fertilizing.
21. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 16 wherein said weed-preventing agent is one of inorganic and organic fillers being one selected from a group consisting of a black carbon, a silicon dioxide and a titanium dioxide.
22. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 16 wherein said paper body is made of a biodegradable fiber.